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A King's Lesson
PARENTAL ADVISORY

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I'M FINALLY GETTING A DORM ROOM TODAY!
I'M LATE AGAIN!
CRAP!
KING'S
王様のレッスン
episode
HE'S GOING TO BE HERE--
--ON THIS CAMPUS--

KING'S
LESSON
王様のレッスン
STAGE 1

YOU'RE DAIKI TOKURA!
YOU MUST BE NEW. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE.
OH--
--MY GOD!
OH!
DON'T STEP ON THAT!
WE'RE FROM COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLDS
I'VE ADMIRED HIM FOR SO LONG!
THIS ISN'T THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS.
I'M USED TO IT.
OH, I'M SORRY!
BUT

OW!
YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL?
CLASSES ARE IN SESSION ALREADY, KID.
YOU SHOULDN'T READ AND WALK AT THE SAME TIME.
DAMMIT!
!!

WRONG WAY
I'M LATE!
WHOA!
THANK YOU, BUT I HAVE TO GO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I TALKED TO DAIKI! I'VE IDOLIZED HIM SINCE THE FIRST DAY I TRANSFERRED HERE!
HE WAS THE YOUNGEST STUDENT TO ENTER A PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGE IN THE UNITED STATES
HE WAS STUDYING MULTIPLE MAJORS AND PEOPLE THOUGHT HIS PAPERS COULD WIN THE NOBEL PRIZE
HE'S NOT JUST SMART BUT ATHLETIC— HE QUALIFIED FOR THE OLYMPICS! HE'S ALSO GOT MOVIE STAR GOOD LOOKS...

COULD YOU PICK IT UP FOR ME!
TH...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
READING AND WALKING ISN'T A GOOD IDEA
I SHOULD HAVE WATCHED WHERE I WAS GOING, BUT
HE APOLOGIZED TO ME!
BUT... BUT...
HE'S JUST SO PERFECT!

YOU WEREN'T AT THE DORM WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOULD BE, SO I GOT WORRIED
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, SOU!
SOU!
IT'S YOU RIGHT?
SUI!
YOU'VE GROWN, SUI!
OF COURSE I DO!
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR DARK GREEN EYES!
OUR DORM ISN'T AS FORMAL AS THE OTHER DORMS.
OUR DORM?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT WE WERE NEIGHBORS UNTIL YOU MOVED OVERSEAS
I SHOULD CALL YOU SOUSUKE- AFTER ALL YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME AND A COLLEGE STUDENT!

ONE DAY
I'M GOING TO TRANSFER TO A COLLEGE IN JAPAN
DON'T GO!
WHICH COLLEGE?
GINKAN COLLEGE
IT'S MY HIGH SCHOOLS SISTER COLLEGE!
THE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL SHARE THE SAME CAMPUS
I WAS HOPING I COULD SEE HIM AROUND
I'M SO LUCKY!
WAIT I RAN INTO HIM—
—AND MADE HIM PICK UP MY STUFF
SUI!

SURE!
LET ME CHANGE FIRST!
THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AREN'T BACK FROM CLASS, SO I'LL GIVE YOU A TOUR OF THE JOINT.
SEE, YOUR STUFF IS ALREADY HERE
HA HA
I'M ACTUALLY NOT THE DORM LEADER.
SEE, YOU'RE STILL THE SAME
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE THE DORM LEADER!
I'M SUCH A SPACE CADET SOMETIMES
REALLY?

THAT'S RIGHT!
WE HAVE 5 DORMS TOTAL EACH DORM IS INDEPENDENTLY MANAGED BY THE RESIDENT STUDENTS
IT HAS A NAME!
DO ALL THE DORMS HAVE NAMES?
YEAH IT'S CALLED THE KAEDE DORM.
THANKS FOR CARRYING MY BAG!
EACH ONE HAS ITS OWN FLAVOR
SOME PLACES ARE KNOWN FOR BEING MORE ATHLETIC AND CAN BE QUITE FORMAL
WELCOME TO OUR DORM!

HI GUYS!
MY ROOM IS A MESS, BUT PLEASE COME IN!
WHO?
WELCOME, SUI KASHIBA! I'M TAMAKI!
I'M UDAGAWA. MAYBE WE'LL BE IN THE SAME CLASSES!
HA HA
I CAN TELL.
I'M REALLY SLOW AT UNPACKING AND STUFF
THANKS FOR HELPING ME
I WAS THE ONLY CHILD, SO HE WAS LIKE MY BIG BROTHER.
SOU AND I GREW UP TOGETHER, KINDA.
WELL, UH...
SO, HOW DO YOU KNOW THE DORM MANAGER?
SOUSUKE'S PRETTY POPULAR!
OH, EVEN PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN LIVING OVERSEAS KNOW YOUR NAME!
WHAT THE..?
YOU'RE BACK, DAIKI!
!!
I AM.
OH
DAIKI, THIS IS OUR NEW STUDENT, SUI KASHIBA.
WHAT!?
HE'S OUR DORM LEADER.
WELL, I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD FORMALLY EXCHANGE GREETINGS. HELLO SUI..
UH... HELLO.

OKAY! MIDORI!
THAT'S YOUR NEW NICKNAME!
JUST LIKE YOUR NAME!
YOU HAVE DEEP GREEN EYES!
THAT'S TRUE!
WOW!
WHAT?
BY THE WAY MIDORI..
I HEARD YOU MET DAIKI!
WELL HE'S A CELEBRITY AROUND HERE. HE'S USED TO IT.
SOME PEOPLE CALL HIM THE "KING."
NOTHING TO FRET ABOUT, MIDORI.
IT'S SUI..
WHAT? YOU RAN INTO HIM AND THEN MADE HIM PICK UP YOUR STUFF?
NO WAY!!
YEAH, I EVEN SAID HIS NAME OUT LOUD!
THAT'S A SHOCKER!

YEAH, I AM.
YOUR MOM'S COUNTRY?
MY MOM'S FRENCH.
SUI, ARE YOU MIXED?
WOW!
I MOVED TO MY MOM'S COUNTRY WHEN I WAS 13, SO WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER AFTER THAT
YEAH, HE SEEMS LIKE THE BROTHERLY TYPE!
NO, IT'S JAPANESE.
IS SUI A FRENCH NAME?
IT'S COOL.
HEY, DON'T ASSUME--
I'VE NEVER HAD A MIXED FRIEND BEFORE!
SUI!
OH!
YOUR PENMANSHIP IS KINDA SHAKY, BUT THAT'S A PRETTY NAME!

HOW'S SCHOOL, MIDORI?
CALL ME SUI
I'M GETTING USED TO IT
THE CAMPUS IS SO BIG, I GET LOST TRYING TO FIND MY CLASSES
OH, THE SCHOOL PAPER!
THAT'S NIGAKI!
AT THE LAST MEET, HE SET A NEW PREFECTURE RECORD
HE'S IN TRACK AND FIELD HE'S IN OUR DORM!
NEW RECORD!? WOW!!
WHY DID THEY GLARE AT ME?
THEY'RE FROM THE HIRAGI DORM
SO WHAT?

YEAH, HE WON'T REMEMBER ME
HE'S FAMOUS HE'S PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT ALREADY
HE MIGHT BE THE DORM LEADER, BUT SOUSUKE DOES ALL THE WORK, REALLY
DON'T YOU THINK?
IT'S KINDA COOL THAT DAIKI IS OUR DORM LEADER, THOUGH.
THEY'RE CLOSE
I SEE...
YOU GUYS ARE OLD FRIENDS
SO YOU WENT TO MEET THE NEW STUDENT?
I'M GOING BACK TO COLLEGE
I'VE KNOWN SUI SINCE WE WERE KIDS
WHY SHOULD I THINK HE SHOULD?
IT'S KINDA DEPRESSING, BUT...

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ EACH KANJI?
HMMMM...
IF MY SCORES SUCK I'LL BRING DOWN THE REPUTATION OF DAIKI'S DORM...
THAT'S RIGHT!
HE DARED TO ASK ME
HE RAN INTO ME AND MADE ME PICK UP HIS STUFF

HEH
YEAH. I WON CASH AT A CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION
I GET IT
THEY'RE AN athletic BUNCH THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE AGAINST US IN THAT ARENA.
DIDN'T YOU WIN SOME KIND OF COMPETITION LATELY?
WHY DID YOU LAUGH, MIDORI?!
IT'S SU!!
THOSE KAEDE JERKS THINK THEY'RE SPECIAL BECAUSE DAIKI IS THEIR DORM LEADER!
ISN'T THE KID IN THE MIDDLE A NEW STUDENT?
YEAH, HE'S IN MY CLASS
HE DID REALLY WELL ON THE LAST MATH QUIZ.

I HAVE ONE PROBLEM...
THE SCORES GET POSTED AFTER EVERY QUIZ. THEY LIST OUT THE DORM NAMES...
A LOT OF THE TOP SCORES ARE FROM OUR DORM!
IT'S THE NEXT QUIZ
NEXT QUIZ JAPANESE

IT'S NICE TO EAT WITH SOMEONE.
REALLY?
I WONDER IF THEY HAVE SALT FLAVOR
NAH, I'LL HAVE ONE.
THE SCHOOL FOOD IS PRETTY DARNED GOOD!
OH, SORRY.
I DOUBT YOU WOULD WANT ANY.
IT'LL TASTE BETTER WITH COMPANY, RIGHT?
SEE, YOU KNOW NICE THINGS ABOUT LIFE LIKE THAT SUI
THANK YOU SOU!
I FORGOT TO EAT DINNER.
ムチュ
YEAH.
I THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN, BUT NOT SO SOON..
YOU WERE IN THE LIBRARY?
THE DINING HALL CLOSES AFTER EACH MEAL.
NEXT TIME, WATCH THE CLOCK...
IT'S YUMMY!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME TOO!
OOOH! CUP NOODLES ARE GOOD WHEN YOU HAVEN'T HAD THEM FOR A WHILE HUH?
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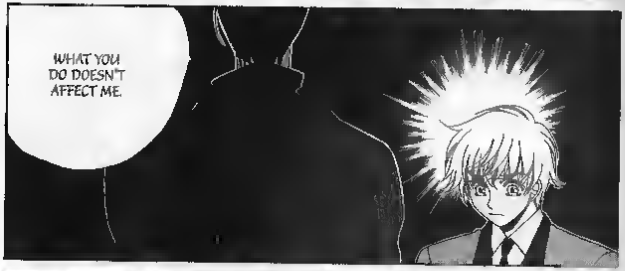
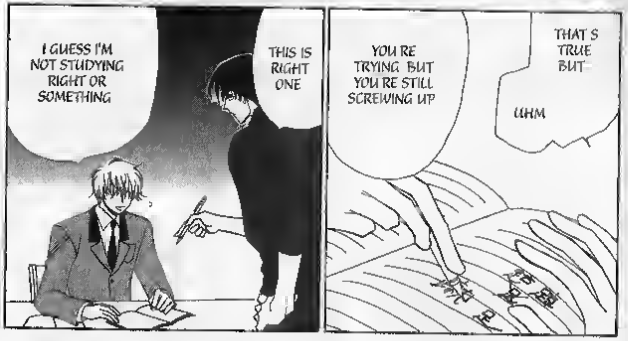
THE NEXT QUIZ IS IN JAPANESE.
IF I DON'T WORK HARD,
I'LL BRING YOU AND EVERYONE IN THE DORM DOWN.
THE SCORES GET RANKED, AND THE DORM NAME GETS LISTED.


WHAT YOU DO DOESN'T AFFECT ME.


I GUESS I'M NOT STUDYING RIGHT OR SOMETHING
THIS IS RIGHT ONE
YOU'RE TRYING BUT YOU'RE STILL SCREWING UP
THAT'S TRUE BUT...
UHM

HMMM
OH, DAIKI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I THINK HE KNOWS I'M HERE EVERY DAY.
WELL...
KANJI IS NOT MY STRONG SUBJECT
UM...
I'M UH STUDYING
WHY?
YOU'RE STUDYING REALLY HARD.

I KNOW THAT MY FEELINGS FOR HIM AREN'T RECIPROCATED
--KINDA HURT
HIS WORDS--
WHAT YOU DO DOESN'T AFFECT ME
I DON'T... GET IT
IF HE'S TRYING HARD AND NOT MAKING PROGRESS HE SHOULD GIVE UP AND MOVE ON
HE'S SITTING THERE EVERY SINGLE FRIGGIN DAY I CAN SEE HIM FROM MY FAVORITE SPOT
STUDYING SO HARD...
HE SAID HE WAS DOING IT FOR HIMSELF

I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE FROM COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLDS...
I WANT TO ENJOY THE SCRAP OF CONNECTION WE DO HAVE...
I KNOW NOTHING I DO WILL AFFECT YOU PERSONALLY
THIS IS JUST A QUIZ, AND IT MAY NOT BE A BIG DEAL FOR YOU.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME, THOUGH
ALL RIGHT
I'M DOING THIS FOR ME. PLEASE DON'T MIND ME.

STOP!
DAIKI WROTE IN THAT NOTEBOOK FOR ME!
WHAT?!
CRAP!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SUPPOSED TO CARRY YOUR STUDENT ID AT ALL TIMES
GOOD TO KNOW YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE RULES
WHOA!

FOR ME?
AT FIRST HE SAID IT WAS FOR ME AND EVERYONE ELSE AT THE DORM.
YOU WANNA GET GOOD SCORES HUH?
C'MON! YOU BELONG TO DAIKI'S DORM ISN'T THAT ENOUGH FOR YOU?
THAT'S NOT IT!
DAIKI IS MY DORM LEADER...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SEE HE WAS STUDYING FOR THE NEXT TEST
I WANT TO WORK HARD FOR HIM!
HE'S GETTING PISSED!
GIVE IT BACK!
HERE! PASS!

HUH?
ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU CRY?

IT'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT IT WAS
I HAVE STRONG FEELINGS FOR HIM...
OH I HAD NO IDEA...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN PICKING ON ONE OF MY STUDENTS!
NOW I KNOW YOUR NAME AND DORM.

IS THAT SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?
I'M GLAD YOU CAME BACK!
EXCUSE US!
HE TALKED TO ME!
YES.
VERY MUCH
AFTER ALL, YOU WROTE IN IT FOR ME!

I SEE...
I CAN SEE WHY SOU'S ALWAYS WORRYING AND TAKING CARE OF YOU
THANK YOU.
THAT LIBRARY IS COMFORTABLE IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES TO STUDY
YOU'VE BEEN HOLED UP IN THERE LATELY, HUH?
THAT'S WHY HE RECOGNIZED ME BEING IN THE LIBRARY.
DAIKI IS LOOKING AFTER ME BECAUSE SOU FUSSES OVER ME

WHY--
--DID HE KISS ME?
I'M TOO SCARED TO ASK
I'M ACTING SO STRANGE
LET'S GO BACK TO THE DORM.

DON'T TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY
YOU'RE USED TO DOING THINGS LIKE THIS, HUH--

LOTS OF PEOPLE SEEM TO WANT ME TO HOWEVER

DID HE COME BACK TO HELP ME STUDY?
UH-- SURE
STAND UP
I'LL SHOW YOU SOME TRICKS TO LEARNING KANJI

A KING'S LESSON
王様のレッスン
STAGE 2

I'LL--
I'M AFRAID HIS RESPONSE WOULD BE PAINFUL TO HEAR
--JUST ENJOY--
--THE WARMTH OF HIS HANDS AND LIPS FOR NOW--
--EVEN IF IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS ON HIS PART--
KING'S LESSON STAGE 1 * END

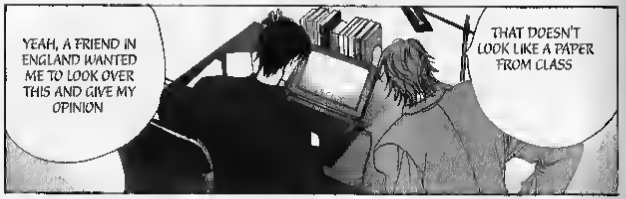
—WE'RE GOING TO DECORATE THE DORMS!
WE'RE GOING TO SHOW HOW MUCH WE LOVE AND TAKE PRIDE IN OUR DORM.
WOW..
THE KAEDE DORM—
—IS WHERE THE PROUD KING CURRENTLY RESIDES—
DAIKI TOKURA.
SINCE DAIKI IS OUR DORM LEADER, WE HAVE TO WIN
HE'S SMART HE'S HANDSOME

GINKAN ACADEMY. IT'S A PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.
A HUGE CAMPUS CONTAINS A JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CAMPUS. ALL STUDENTS
THIS CAMPUS HAS A KING—
DORM FESTIVAL?
IT'S SUI—
OH MIDORI THIS WOULD BE YOUR FIRST TIME!
YEAH, IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR WE COMPETE AGAINST OTHER
EVERY YEAR THE THEME IS DIFFERENT
THIS YEAR—

HE WON'T REMEMBER...
DON'T WE HAVE A MEETING FOR THE DORM FESTIVAL TOMORROW?
YEAH, I WANT TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA.
MIDORI, DO YOU WANNA JOIN US?
SURE!
THIS IS REALLY COOL!
OOOH, YOU'RE MOTIVATED!
LET'S KICK BUTT TOGETHER!
YEAH, WE'RE GONNA WORK LIKE CRAZY!
MAYBE THAT WILL HELP ME GET CLOSER TO HIM.- EVEN JUST A SMIDGEN..

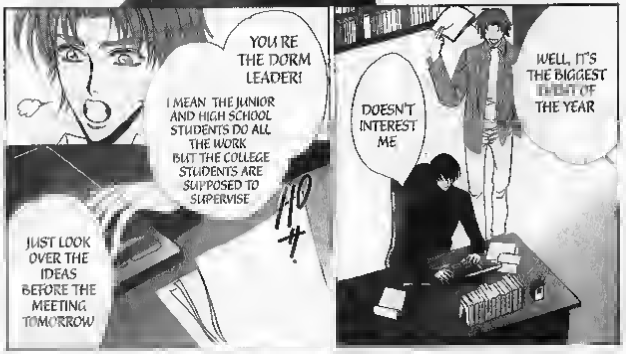
I'VE ADMIRED HIM FOR SO LONG..
EVEN BEFORE I KNEW WHAT HE WAS LIKE
--REMEMBER AND THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, --
-- I DOUBT DAIKI WOULD EVEN REMEMBER MUCH LESS GIVE IT ANY THOUGHT
RIGHT. I'M JUST A PIDDLY FAN NOTHING MORE.
EVEN IF I--
WE UNDER-STAND
OH, UH--
MIDORI, YOU BLUSH WHEN YOU HEAR DAIKI'S NAME. YOU'RE SUCH A FANBOY!

I AM WHO I AM..


YEAH, A FRIEND IN ENGLAND WANTED ME TO LOOK OVER THIS AND GIVE MY OPINION
THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A PAPER FROM CLASS

FINE BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO THE YOUNGER STUDENTS YOU HEAR ME?
WHY?
IT'S NOT MY THING
I'LL DO MOST OF THE WORK, BUT
YOU NEED TO SHOW MORE INTEREST IN THE FESTIVAL.

HUH..
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT ALL THE NOISE LATELY
PEOPLE HAVE SUBMITTED LOTS OF IDEAS FOR THE DORM FEST

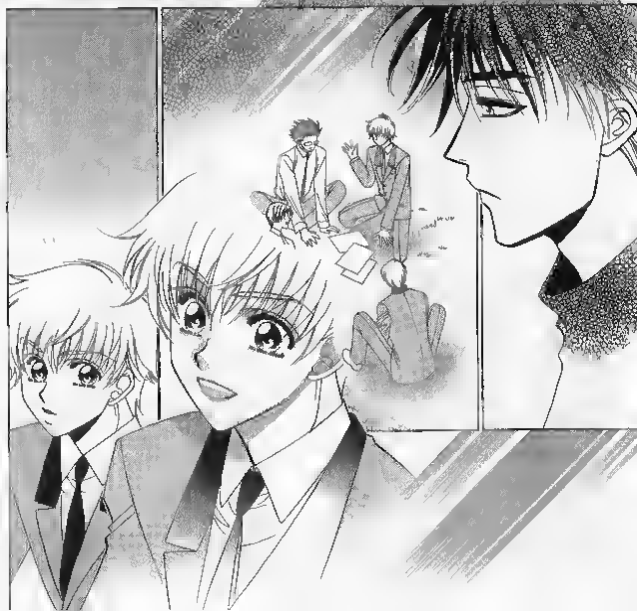

YOU'RE THE DORM LEADER!
I MEAN THE JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DO ALL THE WORK BUT THE COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO SUPERVISE
HO
JUST LOOK OVER THE IDEAS BEFORE THE MEETING TOMORROW
WELL, IT'S THE BIGGEST [redacted] OF THE YEAR
DOESN'T INTEREST ME

OH. IT'S NOTHING
HUH?
SOUSUKE, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT'S NOT AFRAID TO TALK TO ME.

IT'S DAIKI!
HELLOOOO!
LOOK!
WE'RE WORKING HARD ON THE DORM FEST! WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN!
I'M GONNA TELL EVERYONE!
HE LOOKED AT ME!

WE'RE GONNA KICK BUTT
I HIGHLY DOUBT THAT
I THINK DAIKI WOULD LIKE IT IF WE WON
HEY SOUSUKE!
YOU GUYS ARE GETTING WORKED UP!
SOU!
DAIKI LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW TO CHECK UP ON US!

WHY DOES MY INVOLVEMENT CHANGE ANYTHING?
I'LL COME GET YOU BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS FINISH YOUR CRAP BY THEN



SO WHY DO I FEEL DIFFERENT?
HM...
I CAN'T THINK OF A GOOD IDEA...
WAIT. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE DECORATING DAIKI--
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE GAUDY.
I DON'T THINK DAIKI WOULD BE INTO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
--BUT IN MY MIND, I CAN'T MAKE THE SEPARATION...

GO OUT AND GET 'EM, SU!!
I WILL!
YEAH. I'M SURE HE WILL.
DAIKI, IF YOU TELL THEM YOU DON'T CARE, I'LL KICK YOUR ASS.
I AM WHO I AM...AND THAT'S IT.

OH..
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DO THE WORK FOR ME.
I DIDN'T SAY EVERYTHING!
IF ANYONE HAS IDEAS FOR THE DORM FEST NEXT WEEK,
YOU NEED TO SUBMIT THEM NOW!!
I HAVE AN IDEA!
GREAT!
LET'S GET THE MEETING STARTED!

WAIT..
THAT IMAGE! I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE..
I THINK I BROUGHT SOME OVER!
WHEN I LIVED IN ENGLAND--
--I LOVED HOW PRETTY EVERYTHING LOOKED AFTER EVERYTHING WAS DECORATED
LOTS OF PEOPLE IN CLASS THINK WE'RE GOING TO WIN
I KNEW IT!
LET'S GET THE MEETING STARTED!
EVERYONE HEAD TO THE DINING HALL!

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SAY---
---THAT I HAD THIS IMAGE OF DAIKI GLOWING BY THE WINDOW---
---AND THAT IT WAS REALLY PRETTY. THERE'S NO WAY IT WOULDN'T BE.
I CAN'T TELL PEOPLE THAT!
I THINK
AIKI WOULDN'T ANT THE WORD "PRETTY" TO ESCRIBE HIM.
WELL,
I USED TO LIVE OVERSEAS.
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, HOUSES WOULD STRING UP LIGHTS TO CELEBRATE. I REMEMBERED THAT
THESE LIGHTS WERE BOUGHT FOR THAT PURPOSE.
DID YOU HELP STRING THEM UP?

---SUI'S DECORATIVE LIGHTS IDEA AND---
ALL RIGHT. THE IDEAS WE HAVE LEFT ARE---
---THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
TELL US THE REASON YOU THINK THIS WILL BE A GOOD IDEA.
WHAT INSPIRED YOU?
Y YES!
SUI YOU'RE FIRST THE LIGHTS WERE YOUR IDEA, RIGHT?
WELL UH

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DEFEND YOUR OWN IDEA AND GO ALONG WITH OTHERS SO EASILY,
THEN DON'T WASTE PEOPLE'S TIME.
I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ALL WORK ON!
IT'S NOT LIKE I AGREED FOR THE HELL OF IT!
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
PATHETIC.
THAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THAT'S ME! I'M IN THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLUB!
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO GET THEM UP?
NO. I JUST WATCHED
OOOH, I LOVE FLOWERS!
HOW ABOUT THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IDEA?

THAT'S AWESOME!
MY MOM USED TO LOVE GOING TO FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLASSES.
YEAH, MY SISTER TOOK CLASSES TOO. I'LL HAVE HER TEACH ME.
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP OUT.

THEN LET'S DO THE FLOWERS...
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO GET INSTRUCTION THEY JUST CAN'T DO ANY WORK, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S FINE.

MAYBE HE DOESN'T LIKE ME AT ALL ANYMORE
THESE THINGS HAPPEN...
WAIT!
DAIKI!

YOU DIDN'T SAY ENOUGH!!
I DON'T THINK YOU GOT YOUR POINT ACROSS TO SUI!
THAT WAS ALL I NEEDED TO SAY.
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WITH WHAT YOU SAY!
WHAT!?
OR IS IT THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK IN FRONT OF ME?
IF HE CAN'T EVEN EXPLAIN HIS OWN IDEAS, THEN THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.

KEEP TALKING! START ASSIGNING PEOPLE INTO ROLES AND COMMITTEES GUYS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, SUI!!
WAIT, DAIKI!
THE MAN SPEAKS THE TRUTH...
I KINDA RUINED THE EVENING FOR EVERYONE
I'M SORRY
HEY, MIDORI
THE KING CAN SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS
HE'S NOT LIKE ONE OF US
WE SHOULD START ASSIGNING PEOPLE INTO COMMITTEES LIKE SOU SAID
YEAH SURE
YEAH, THESE THINGS HAPPEN...
THESE THINGS HAPPEN...

DID SOMEONE ORDER THE FLOWERS ALREADY? THAT'S TOO SOON!
WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A DESIGN
THIS IS PRETTY TOUGH
WELL, WE CAN'T JUST HAVE BIG FLOWERS
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF BALANCE...
YOU THINK?
I THINK LARGE FLOWERS WILL STAND OUT.
WOW, THAT'S GORGEOUS!
MIDORI, TAKE A BUNCH AND COME UP WITH A DESIGN.
SURE.
I LIKE THIS
BIG, LARGE FLOWER...
IT'S TALL AND PROUD...
VERY BEAUTIFUL.
HE'S--
HE'S WHAT?
HE'S YOUR FAN.
IT'S HARD NOT TO GET NERVOUS WHEN TALKING TO YOU.
BESIDES, SUI IS YOUR...
I DON'T OWN THIS DORM.
THEY SHOULD WORK HARD FOR THEMSELVES. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS
--WORKING HARD FOR YOU
NOT JUST SUI, BUT EVERYONE
IT'S HARD NOT TO GET NERVOUS WHEN TALKING TO YOU.
AM I GONNA HAVE TO PUT WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH AND EXPLAIN TO SUI?

HEY, COME OVER HERE!
WELL UH THIS IS JUST
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK?
I THINK IT'S BETTER THAN JUST HAVING FLOWERS.
YEAH!
I THINK WE WON'T NEED AS MANY FLOWERS IF WE USE LIGHTS
YOU'RE RIGHT!
AFTER ALL WE DO HAVE A BUDGET
THE LIGHTS WILL ALSO DRASTICALLY CHANGE THE LOOK ONCE IT GETS DARK...
I THINK ALL THE DORMS ARE ONLY THINKING ABOUT HOW THINGS WOULD LOOK DURING THE DAY

I KEEP THINKING ABOUT DAIKI
I'VE BEEN TRYING NOT TO, BUT—?
—THAT MEANS THAT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE
I WANT SOMETHING A BIT MORE ELABORATE—
GOOD!
YEAH!
WOW, THAT LOOKS GREAT, MIDORI!
SOME-THING LIKE THAT!

RESEARCHING ON THE 'NET MAKES ME SO SLEEPY...
I LIKE THIS ONE!
LET'S PRINT THIS OUT...
I HAVE TO PASS THIS THROUGH HERE...
GOT IT!
BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE PLAN CLOSELY!
BE CAREFUL WITH THE WIRING!

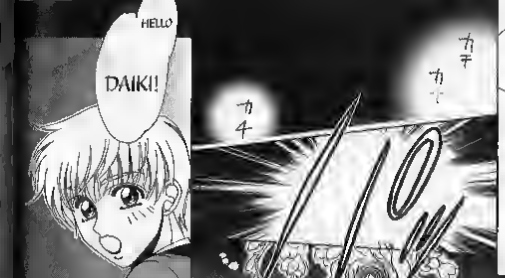
HIM?
THERE'S A NEW PROJECT LEADER?
LEMME LOOK INTO IT
I WONDER IF WE CAN RENT MORE LIGHTS
THAT MIGHT FIT INTO OUR BUDGET
ALSO, LET'S CHANGE THE COLOR OF THE FLOWERS...
I WONDER IF I CAN FIND SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF BUILDINGS WITH LIGHTS...
I AM!
YOU'RE WORKING HARD, SUI!

RIGHT!
THE CONTEST IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON
YEAH RIGHT
WE CAN'T LOSE!
RIGHT, MIDORI?
IT LOOKS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT.
YEAH.
MAYBE WE'LL WIN
CRAP!
WE GOTTA HURRY!
GUYS IN CHARGE OF THE LIGHTS! WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
GREAT!
LET'S PUT THEM IN PLACE!
THE FIRST ROUND OF FLOWERS IS DONE!
WE'VE GOT MORE ON THE WAY!
CAN YOU PULL ON THIS?
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE!
THE DAY OF THE DORM FEST
THAT'S RIGHT!
TODAY IS DORM FEST!
THE DORM FEST WILL BE OVER IN ANOTHER HOUR!
LET'S LIGHT IT UP!
SO KAEDE DORM'S THEME IS "FLOWERS"

IT'S JUST AS I'VE IMAGINED...

OH—
YES!

YOU SUC-CEEDED!


HELLO
DAIKI!

!

JUST AS I THOUGHT

WELL, IT WAS FUN MAYBE NEXT YEAR!
THAT WAS TOO BAD
YUP!
THE RESULT WASN'T WHAT WE WANTED
BUT IT'S GOOD FOR THE DORM TO COME TOGETHER AND BRING AN IDEA TO ITS COMPLETION
THAT'S TRUE
I THOUGHT MAYBE DAIKI FINALLY APPROVED OF ME
HE FINALLY SMILED!
THIS WAS MY PLAN
DAIKI'S DORM...
MY DORM?
!
NEITHER THIS EVENT NOR THE DORM BELONG TO ME. YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY PERSON THAT WORKED HARD FOR THIS EVENT, RIGHT?

WHAT!?
I SEE
SMOKE?
THE DISPLAY'S ON FIRE!
SHUT OFF POWER!
GET A FIRE EXTIN-GUISHER!
WHY...
Ah
Ah...
THE WIRE WAS TWISTED AND CAUSED A SHORT-
WHO DID THE WIRING OVER HERE?
THERE ISN'T A LOT OF DAMAGE

THAT'S NOT WHAT I
IN FACT, YOU'RE TOO PRONE TO SELF-PITY. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE STANDING HERE WITH A LONG FACE
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD FEEL REGRET
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND--
--PEOPLE LIKE YOU
DAIKI!

KING'S LESSON STAGE 2 ✻ END

DORM FEST...
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND..
I HEARD THE KAEDE DORM SCREWED UP BIG-TIME
YUP, TOTALLY LET DAIKI DOWN.
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.
YEAH. IT SUCKS TO BE HIM
I FAILED, I FREAKED OUT AND I WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT
I SUPPOSE SOMEONE AS PERFECT AS DAIKI WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND

READ THE NEXT SECTION, KASHIBA!
PSST! MIDORI
KASHIBA!
THE DORM FEST IS OVER NOW YOU MIGHT WANT TO STOP SPACING OUT IN CLASS!
OOOOPS. I'M SORRY...

CAN I SIT WITH YA?
HEY SOU!
YOU SCARED ME!
HEH HEH!

I'M SO PATHETIC.
I'M MORE SHOCKED ABOUT WHAT DAIKI SAID THAN WHAT HAPPENED WITH DORM FEST
MIDORI!
WE'RE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED. THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO OBSESS OVER IT!

I CAN'T CONCENTRATE.
WORK IS PILING UP ON MY DESK I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF 'EM
WHY CAN'T I FOCUS?

I KNOW I'M A PICKY EATER YOU TOLD ME I NEEDED TO GET OVER IT AS A KID. BUT I'M STILL THE SAME
I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO GET BIG PORTIONS.
YEAH TODAY'S MENU ISN'T REALLY WORKING FOR ME.
THANKS A LOT!
YEAH! I'D LOVE THAT!
WANT IT?
HEY, WHAT'S THAT SOU? THAT LOOKS GOOD!

I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY
I'LL GIVE YOU MY CELL NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDY GIMME YOURS
C'MON HURRY!
YOU'RE TWO MONTHS OLDER THAN I AM YOU'RE THE OLDEST PERSON IN THIS DORM.
I'LL BE THE DORM MANAGER
SOUSUKE WAS LIKE...
YOU'RE THE DORM LEADER.
SOUSUKE WAS LIKE...
SUI IS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD IN A DIFFERENT WAY.
I THINK ABOUT HIM, TOO
NO...
IS IT BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS AROUND THAT BLUNT AND STRAIGHTFORWARD, SOUSUKE? MAYBE I NOTICE BECAUSE SUI IS SO DIFFERENT IN COMPARISON?
NOTICE ?

WHY?
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WHY DID I HAVE TO BE SO CRITICAL?
WHY AM I SO CRITICAL OF HIM?
I'M A BIG FAN OF DAIKI..
I ADMIRE AND RESPECT YOU!
PEOPLE ONLY LOOK AT MY PAST AND WHAT I'VE DONE.
WHY IS THIS BUGGING ME?

IT'S NOT THAT--
THAT COULD BE
RIGHT...
---I'M BRUSQUE ! COULDN'T SAY THE RIGHT WORDS
DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF
DON'T BE CRITICAL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISH-MENTS.
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE
YOU'RE THE OLDEST
.....
IT'S JUST THAT HE HAD SUCH A MISERABLE LOOK ON HIS FACE

I SEE...
IT PISSES ME OFF TO THINK--
THINKING ABOUT IT PISSES ME OFF
THIS WAS MY PLAN
---THAT HE'S SO HARD ON HIMSELF.
YOU DIDN'T MADE YOUR PROFESSOR CRY, DO?
THE WORLD ISN'T FILLED WITH SHARP BASTARDS LIKE YOU!
YOU'RE ALWAYS TOO BRUSQUE!
YOU'RE THE EXCEPTION NOT THE RULE!
---QUITE PRETTY
THE DISPLAY WAS--

IT'S NOT CURFEW JUST YET

I DON'T KNOW WHERE HIS ROOM IS.

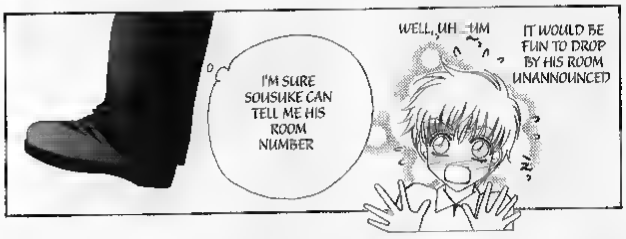
I'M REALLY NOT MUCH OF A DORM LEADER HERE—
I HAVE WORK TO DO. I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO DEAL WITH OTHER PEOPLE
I ONLY KNOW WHERE SOUSUKE'S ROOM IS
HE'S PROBABLY BACK BY NOW

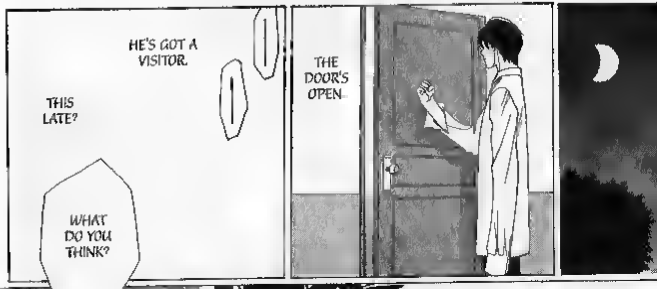
HMMM
I SHOULD TELL HIM WHAT I MEANT TO SAY.

I SHOULD APOLOGIZE.
WHAT COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE FITTING FOR A MATURE INDIVIDUAL...?
I WAS IMMATURE.

...HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE.

I'M SURE HE'LL KEEP WATCHING ME LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES—
I WONDER HOW HE'LL REACT.
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE.


I'M SURE SOUSUKE CAN TELL ME HIS ROOM NUMBER
WELL, UH...HM
IT WOULD BE FUN TO DROP BY HIS ROOM UNANNOUNCED


HE'S GOT A VISITOR.
THIS LATE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THE DOOR'S OPEN.

YEAH
I THINK YOU HAVE A FEVER, SUI
YOU THINK?
YOUR FACE IS WARM TOO

!
THAT VOICE...

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOU SAY YOU'RE SORRY
IT'S NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT
I LIKE TO LOOK AFTER YOU
JUST FOR ME
I WANT TO SEE YOU SMILE
SOU?
OH! THAT'S AWESOME!
I REMEMBER WHERE I CAN GET SOME PILLS

I'M PATHETIC I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AFTER MY OWN HEALTH
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT THAT, KIDDO
I'M SO SORRY TO BUG YOU SO LATE!
I DON'T HAVE ANY PILLS OR A THERMO-METER.
HEY YOU KNOW YOU CAN COME TO ME FOR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
I MEAN I'VE MADE YOU WORRY SINCE WE WERE KIDS
I'M SORRY
IN FACT YOU'D BETTER COME TO ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING
SOU, YOU'VE ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER ME.

OF COURSE NOT
YOU DON'T MIND IF I BORROW THE THERMOMETER FOR A BIT, RIGHT?
BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR TEMP
I WILL
THANKS SOU!
I'M GONNA GET GOING!
WHAT AM I THINKING...?

OH! DAIKI!
WHAT?
IT'S ONLY A FEVER REDUCER IF YOUR TEMP DOESN'T NORMALIZE, GO SEE THE DOC
I THINK THERE WAS A THERMOMETER IN HERE TOO
OH, DON'T BOTHER!
HE TOOK THE THERMOMETER BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE CAUGHT A COLD AFTER LEAVING HIS WINDOW OPEN ALL NIGHT!
HE SHOULD BE IN HIS ROOM I'LL GO GET IT
I'LL ASK HIM FOR THE THERMOMETER MYSELF
HIS ROOM IS ON MY WAY BACK
NO!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! GOOD NIGHT, SOU!

--I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS NEGATIVE FEELING THAT I HAVE...
THAT'S WHY...
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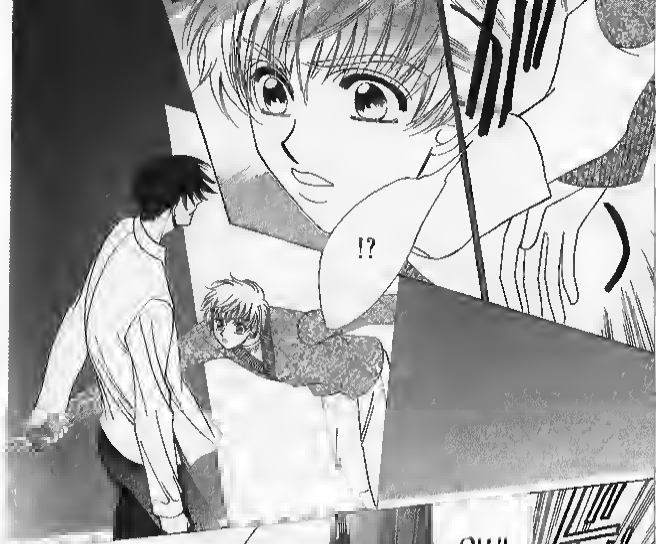
ドキドキ
UH...
UM...
I'M SORRY I'M BOTHERING YOU SO LATE.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU HAD SOU...SUKE'S--

UGH
THE CLOSER I GET TO DAIKI'S ROOM, THE MORE NERVOUS I GET...
MY HEART'S THUMPING!
HIS WORDS HAVE STUCK WITH ME BECAUSE--
--IT'S THE TRUTH
BESIDES, DAIKI WAS THE ONE THAT SAID IT...
I'M NOT NERVOUS BECAUSE I'M SCARED
IT'S BECAUSE I ADMIRE THE GUY SO MUCH
THE ONE AND ONLY DAIKI...

--THIS LATE AT NIGHT?
I'M SORRY TO BUG YOU UNANNOUNCED LIKE THIS
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE VIOLENT--
O, SOUSUKE WOULD BE ALL SWEET O YOU, EH?

WHAT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND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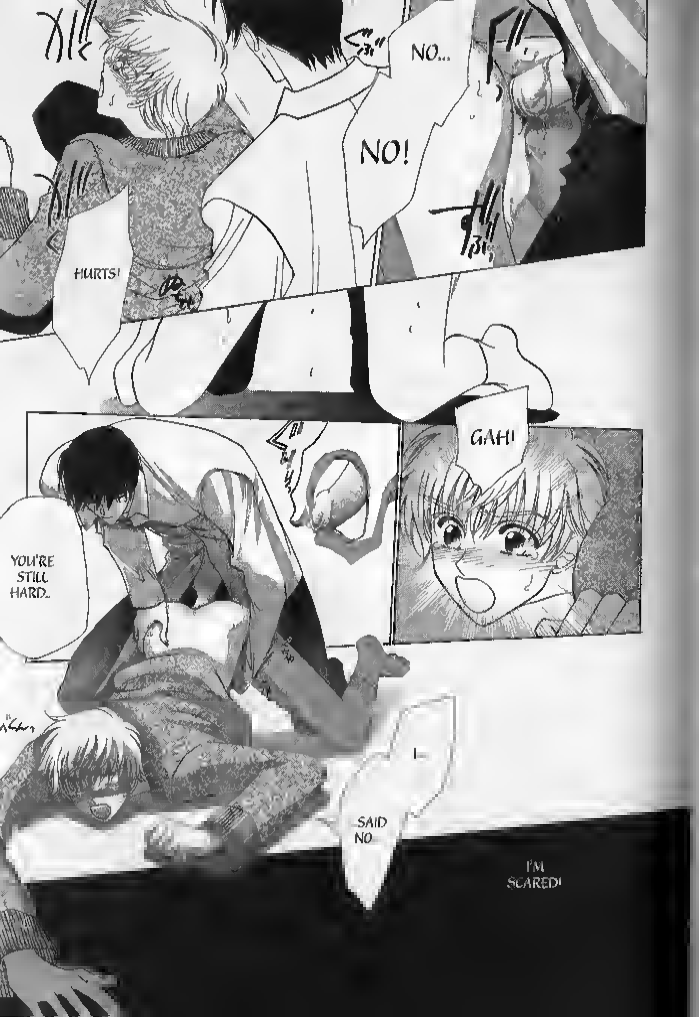
WHAT DO YOU WANT---
OW!

DON'T!
NO!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
NOT THERE!
UN...
AHHH
YOU'RE GETTING HARD
STOP!
YOU'RE SHAKING
YOUR ASS.

MNHH
I'M USED TO IT.
UNH
PLEASE!
STOP!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!?
NO!

WHA...!?
N
NO...!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHY? WHY?
CHECK FOR YOURSELF
AH!
LIAR!
I DON'T WANT...
YOUR BODY'S
ASKING FOR ME TO TOUCH YOU
!?
NO!
DON'T LOOK AT ME!


NO...
NO!
HURTS!
GAH!
YOU'RE STILL HARD..
I-
..SAID NO..
I'M SCARED!

AHHH-
S..STOP!
--HHH
AHH!
?!

WHY!?
WHY!?

IF YOU NEED MORE, GO TO SOUSUKE
I'M SURE HE'LL BE KIND
MUCH MORE THAN I EVER WILL BE.

AH!
HIIAAH!
UNH..

I'M FRIGHTENED!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?!

A KING'S LESSON
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STAGE 4

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WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?
KING'S LESSON STAGE 3*END

WHY?
YOU'RE QUITE THE GENIUS DAIKI
OH BRILLIANT! I KNEW YOU WOULD BE HELPFUL
IF YOU INCORPORATE THAT SECTION FROM YOUR PAPER LAST YEAR IN HERE...

WAS IT BENEFICIAL TO ANYONE?

LOOK, IT'S DAIKI!
WHOA! HIS FACE IS SMALL, AND HE'S SO TALL!
I WANNA GO TALK TO HIM
HE'S NOT GONNA BOTHER WITH PEOPLE LIKE US
THOUSANDS OF IDEAS ARE GOING THROUGH THAT LITTLE HEAD
WHY...
DAIKI CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?
WHY WHY WHY?

WHY DID I ACT OUT LIKE THAT?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S THINKING. DON'T BUG HIM
LOOK, IT'S DAIKI!
IT'S BECAUSE OF SUI
IT'S HIM
!

NO.
NOPE.
BENEFICIAL TO ME?
ANY BENEFIT FOR HIM?
IN FACT, IT WAS DETRIMENTAL
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
IT'S ONE OF THE LOWEST THINGS THAT ONE COULD DO TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING...
I'M AWARE OF THAT, SO WHY DID I DO IT?

S...SOU!
SOUSUKE!
NO!

I'M SORRY, SOU!
YOU DON'T LOOK AS PALE AS YOU DID LAST NIGHT, BUT YOU'RE STILL FEVERISH, RIGHT?
I'LL TALK TO YOUR TEACHER SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT CLASS.
I'M JUST DOIN' MY JOB AS A DORM MANAGER!
LAST NIGHT–

WHEN YOU'RE SMART, YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK IN PEACE.
I THINK HE FOUND HIS ANSWER!

MIDORI, HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER.
I'LL ATTEND CLASS THIS AFTERNOON
THIS UNNATURAL DISTURBING EMOTIONAL STATE IS HIS FAULT!

NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I'LL NEVER GET CLOSE TO HIM
I DIDN'T KNOW HE HATED ME
HIS INTELLECT IS FAR ABOVE WHAT MINE IS EVER CAPABLE OF
I HURT..
I'M NOT GOING TO STRIVE ANYMORE.
I NEED TO STOP
UGH
I HURT ALL OVER!
I WANTED TO GET CLOSE TO DAIKI— LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM.
I FIGURE A DOG BIT ME, EMOTIONALLY SPEAKING...

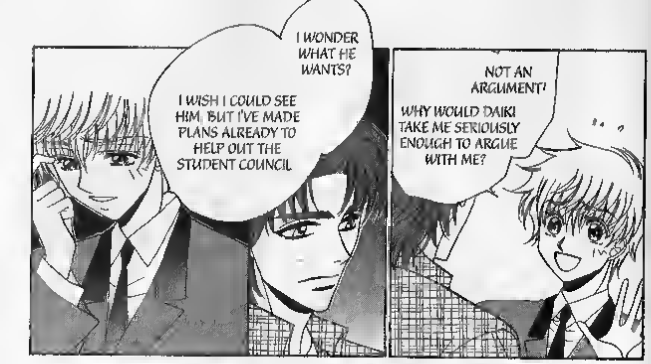
I DIDN'T--
--WANNA SEE OR TALK TO ANYONE
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T RUN INTO ANYONE ON MY WAY BACK
IT HURTS TO SAY HIS NAME
THE DORM LEADER WAS WANDERING AROUND TODAY LOOKING KIND OF PISSED
HE'S REALLY BUSY..
DAIKI..

LET'S CUT CLASS!
I DON'T WANNA GO TO CLASS THIS AFTER-NOON...
THE CHEF'S DEPRESSED NOW
IT PROBABLY LOOKED UNAPPET-IZING
HE DIDN'T LIKE THE MENU!
WE'RE LYING! WE SWEAR! WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO CLASS!
わた
わた
わた
WHOA, IT'S DAIKI!
!!
RIGHT
CLASS IS STARTING
A DOG THAT I REALLY LOVED
DOG
DA
!!
DAIKI'S HERE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!
WHY... WAIT, HE'S PROBABLY HERE TO EAT
?!

HUH?
OH YEAH WHAT'S RARE IS THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY ACTING LIKE THE DORM LEADER!
REALLY?
I'M JUST LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
IF YOU CAN MAKE THE ROUNDS AT NIGHT, YOU'D SAVE ME LOTS OF TIME
THANKS TO YOU WE'VE GOT PERFECT ATTENDANCE RIGHT NOW
EVERYONE AT THE DORM IS SHOCKED
YOU'RE RIGHT
I'VE NEVER HAD TO LOOK FOR ANYONE BEFORE
WHEN DO YOU EVER LOOK FOR—
WHO?

SOUSUKE.
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE PISSED AT ME
DAIKI!
I'M ALWAYS PISSED.
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO TALK LIKE THAT

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SUI CAN FIGURE IT OUT?
A PROBLEM THAT YOU CAN'T SOLVE?
I'M SURE SUI HAS THE ANSWER
I THINK.
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO?
HE UNEARTHED THIS FEELING--
WHAT HAPPENED..!?
WHAT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW THAT I'M ON THE OTHER SIDE
PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT ME OUT
SOUSUKE
WHEN IS SUI'S LAST CLASS OVER?
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SUI?
WHY?
WHY?
I WANT TO KNOW MYSELF
I HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT


I WONDER WHAT HE WANTS?
I WISH I COULD SEE HIM. BUT I'VE MADE PLANS ALREADY TO HELP OUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL
NOT AN ARGUMENT?
WHY WOULD DAIKI TAKE ME SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO ARGUE WITH ME?

THANKS SOU
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...
IF I SEE HIM IN COLLEGE, I'LL TELL HIM.

NO PROBLEM
HE'S LOOKING FOR ME?

HEY DAIKI...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP THIS
--THAT WAS BURIED DEEP INSIDE ME IT'S STILL BEING UNCOVERED.

IT'S NOTHING SOU!
I COULD TALK TO HIM...
DID YOU GUYS GET INTO AN ARGUMENT?
WHAT? DAIKI'S LOOKING FOR ME?

ACTUALLY, THE STAFF HERE IS QUITE ELATED!
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN DOCTOR. I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS MESS
WE'RE BEHIND SCHEDULE NOW
I CAN'T BELIEVE I MADE SUCH AN AMATEUR MISTAKE
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO UPTIGHT
YOU'VE BEEN TOO PERFECT FOR TOO LONG
THEY THINK YOU'RE HUMAN NOW
FIND A QUIET PLACE
UPTIGHT? I DON'T KNOW HOW NOT TO BE
DOES IT MEAN I SHOULD RELAX OR SOMETHING?

AFTER WHAT HE DID..
WHY?
WHY WOULD HE LOOK FOR ME?

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME.
HEARING THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL AFRAID...

I WAS JUST HAPPY TO SHARE THE SAME CAMPUS--
--WITH HIM
WELL, THE STUDENT COUNCIL DOESN'T NEED ME EVERY DAY.
I SHOULD HAVE JOINED A CLUB.
THAT FINISHED ON TIME
MAYBE I'LL JUST HANG OUT AT THE LIBRARY
THAT FEELING WILL NEVER CHANGE
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM.

I DON'T PLAN ON TELLING ANYONE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY
ACTUALLY, I SHOULD TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT, TOO
THAT'S NOT WHY I WANTED TO SEE YOU
UH !
LET GO OF MY ARM.
YOU'RE HURTING ME.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN EXPLAIN
OW...

14.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ERM...
THAT'S RIGHT
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO--
--TALK TO YOU FOR SOME TIME

DAIKI...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT IT, EITHER
DAIKI IS AT A LOSS ABOUT SOMETHING?
YES. THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO ME!?
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID OR IF THIS IS THE CAUSE OF WHAT I DID
WHEN THAT HAPPENED, I WAS FULL OF---
HE CAN DO EVERYTHING HE HAS NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING...
---EMOTIONS I'VE NEVER FELT BEFORE
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S EXPRESSING MY FEELINGS CORRECTLY. BUT...

I WON'T RUN AWAY, SO LET ME GO
UM PLEASE.
WHERE WERE WE...?
WE HAVEN'T REALLY STARTED...
AT A LOSS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY OR WHERE TO START
FRANKLY, I'M AT A LOSS

--IN LOVE WITH HIM.
UH...
WHY ARE YOU CRYING? TEARS ALWAYS CONFUSE ME EVEN MORE.
THE KING DOESN'T KNOW BECAUSE THE KING DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

DOES HE FEEL PRESSURED TO LOGICALLY EXPLAIN ALL HIS EMOTIONS?
TO ME, MY EMOTIONS ARE ENOUGH ON THEIR OWN WHAT'S DELICIOUS IS DELICIOUS... WHAT'S PRETTY IS PRETTY NO NEED TO KNOW WHY.
IT'S SO HARD TO BE SO SMART...
HE'S THE "KING."
HIS HAIR IS SILKY
AND BLACK...
I DON'T THINK I EVER LOOKED AT HIS FACE FOR SO LONG BEFORE.
NICE VOICE...
EVERYONE EXPECTS THE KING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING.
I LIKE HIS VOICE
I'M STILL--

YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD ALL THE ANSWERS FROM THE BEGINNING!
I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER!
HE DOES!
IT'S NOT FAIR FOR HIM TO ASK ME WHAT TO DO!
!
DAIKI

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU STOP?
TELL ME?
DON'T CRY
HE DOESN'T KNOW THE NAME OF THIS EMOTION...
I-
I DON'T KNOW!
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HE DID...

I RAN AWAY...
I WAS REALLY DISTURBED TO SEE DAIKI SO CONFUSED
WHAT DID YOU DO TO SUI?!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
I'M NOT THE KING SO I KNOW WHAT I'M FEELING...
WHERE'S THE DORM LEADER?
ASSISTANT DORM MANAGER, GO FIND SOUSUKE!
LIKE I SAID...
A FIGHT!?
WHAT SHOULD I TELL THE KING?
IT'S SUCH A SIMPLE AND BASIC FEELING...

I SAW SUI IN YOUR ROOM LATE AT NIGHT.
WHAT THE-?
THAT'S WHY
THAT'S RIGHT YOU STARTED ALL THIS
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING MEAN TO SUI?
HE WAS CRYING!
SOUSUKE...
WAS THAT IT?
HOW DID YOU SEE ..?
HE WENT TO YOUR ROOM TO GET THE THERMOMETER BECAUSE HE WAS FEELING FEVERISH
YOU..
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
?
REALLY?

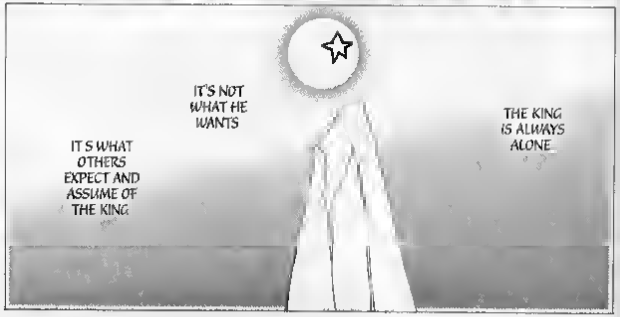
KING'S LESSON STAGE 4 ✱ END

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD HURT HIM LIKE THAT!!
AFTER ALL, SUI WASN'T IN LOVE WITH ME.
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO THINK
IF THAT WAS WHAT SUI WANTED, I WAS COOL WITH THAT
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
REMEMBER THAT!!
STOP, SOU!
SUI!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU RE FIGHTING BUT--

IT'S A FIGHT!
IT'S DAIKI AND SOUSUKE!
WHY?
WHAT MADE THEM FIGHT?
SUI IS IN LOVE WITH YOU, DAMMIT!
HE WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU BEFORE HE WAS AT THIS SCHOOL!
I KNOW.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

WHY?
TELL ME WHY!
I CAN'T DO THAT
I DON'T THINK---
---HE'LL FIND OUT ON HIS OWN

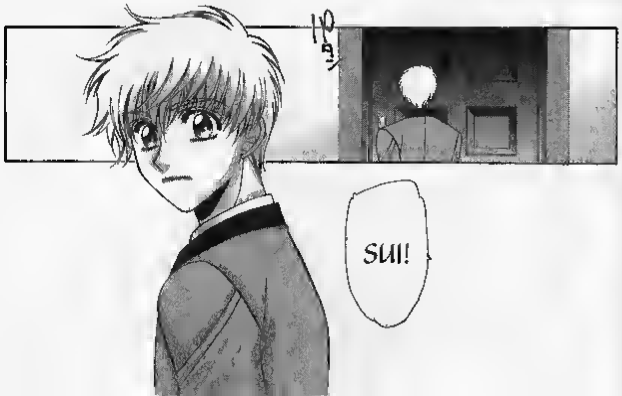
I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS HOW TO FEEL
SOU!


IT'S NOT WHAT HE WANTS
THE KING IS ALWAYS ALONE
IT'S WHAT OTHERS EXPECT AND ASSUME OF THE KING

I'M NOT DEFENDING HIM.
WHY DO YOU DEFEND DAIKI?
---STOP IT!
I DON'T WANT THIS!

I CAN'T DO THAT
DAIKI, DON'T EVER COME NEAR SUI AGAIN!

I HEARD MIDORI GOT A CALL FROM FRANCE. I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.
MAYBE HE HAS TO GO BACK?
NO WAY!
I'M AGITATED.
THAT HURT...


SUI!

YES MAAM!
EVERYONE TO MY OFFICE!
YOU TOO SUI!
SUI HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
WHAT IS EVERYONE DOING?!
THE DORM LEADER AND DORM MANAGER FIGHTING?!
OH CRAP!

YOU HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL CALL FROM YOUR FATHER IN FRANCE.
COME WITH ME!
FRANCE!?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SUI!

ARE YOU GOING TO FRANCE?
THAT'S WHY THEY GOT INTO A FIGHT!
SOU KNOWS !?
OH...
DAD SAID HE WAS PROMOTED AND HE'S NOW THE HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN BRANCH.
YEAH.
THEY WHOLE FAMILY WILL BE MOVING BACK THERE.
I SHOULD CONGRATULATE YOU
THAT MEANS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO FRANCE.

YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH DAIKI OVER ME, HUH?
I'M SORRY
ARE YOU...?
SOU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE!
I'M JUST--
!!
--KICKING MYSELF FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO PROTECT YOU

BUT--
IF I'M HURT, I CRY
GET HURT?
I KNOW I'M ALLOWED TO DO THAT
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT THE KING
--THE KING DOESN'T KNOW HE'S ALLOWED TO CRY WHEN HE'S HURT
IF HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT--
--HOW CAN HE DEAL WITH HIS EMOTIONS?
WHO--
WHO WILL TEACH HIM?

ACTUALLY...
I FEEL LIKE I CRUMBLED BEFORE I COULD STRIKE!
WHAT? WHY?
I'LL MISS YOU!
YOU CAN GET AWAY FROM DAIKI
HUH..?
I'M KINDA RELIEVED FOR YOU
THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME
I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU GET HURT

I DON'T THINK I SHOULD TURN MY BACK ON HIM.
I DON'T WANT THAT!
HE'S GOING TO BE HURT EVEN MORE!
I HAVEN'T TOLD DAIKI ANYTHING YET.
I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN DO IT
I HAVE TO TEACH THE KING
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT
IF I DO,
HE'S GOING TO REMAIN CONFUSED , RIGHT?
I MIGHT BE HURT BUT I DON'T WANT TO RUN AWAY SOU
WHO CAN ?

THOSE FEELINGS ARE GENUINE.
I WANT TO TEACH HIM. I WANT TO LEARN
IT SUCKS TO BE ME
WELL, UH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
COME IN.
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE GAWKING.

IT WAS REALLY A WASTE OF EFFORT ON MY PART
I FIGURED HE WAS WHO HE WAS
I WANTED TO TEACH THAT FREAK TO ACT MORE HUMAN AND SOCIALIZE I GAVE UP
SOU?
I'VE KNOWN THE GUY FOR SOME TIME.
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST!
I WASN'T THE ONE THAT COULD CHANGE HIM.

I OVERHEARD PEOPLE WERE JUST GUESSING. BUT...
DAIKI I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BELIEVED RUMORS.
I HEARD WHAT PEOPLE WERE SAYING
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

SOUSUKE IS THE SAME WAY, BUT WHEN YOU GET INVOLVED..
THAT'S RIGHT
I USUALLY NEVER DO SUCH A THING...

I WON'T ALLOW IT
IT WILL TAKE ABOUT A MONTH TO COMPLETE ALL THE PAPERWORK...
ARE YOU GOING TO FRANCE?

I WAS BEING KINDA ARROGANT..
TEACH HIM...
I WANT TO SAY, LISTEN AND ASK ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS
I CAME HERE ON AN IMPULSE
WHAT SHOULD DO...?

I'M THE DORM LEADER
YOU'RE HERE TO TURN IN YOUR FORM TO LEAVE?
OH RIGHT
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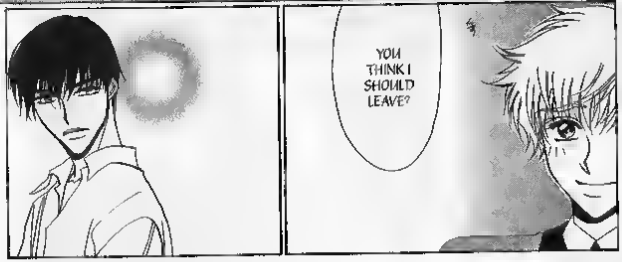

YOU THINK I SHOULD LEAVE?

LET ME TELL YOU MY KING
I WAS RIGHT...
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT YOU'RE FEELING--
I HAVE TO TEACH HIM.
I'M THE ONLY ONE.
--IS CALLED "LOVE."

NO
I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT
WHAT?
WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT WAY?
I CAN'T LET HIM GO

I SAID I DON'T KNOW...
REALLY?
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
HOW DOES IT FEEL?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MY TEACHER.
I'M EMBARR-ASSED!
HOW DOES WHAT FEEL?
SUI...
WHAT?
MY NAME.
I LIKE HEARING YOU SAY MY NAME.
SUI...
TEACH ME SUI
I WANT TO KNOW MORE

LOVE...
RIGHT
I TRUST YOU, BUT...
A...NNH
DON'T BE AFRAID.
I WON'T HURT YOU AGAIN. EVER.

AOOOWWNNH
STOP!
AH...
NO...
AH!
OH!

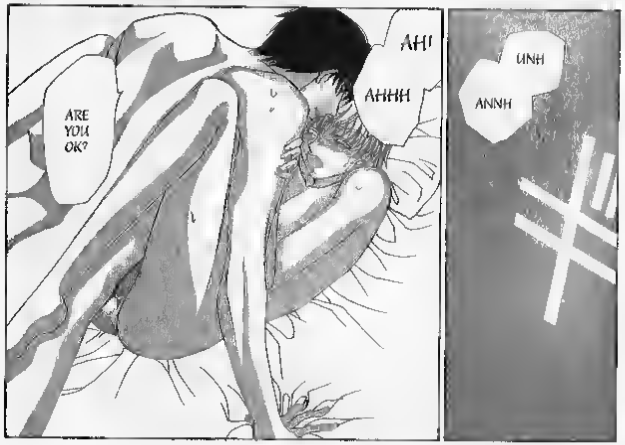
IT'S YOUR TASTE.
HE SWALLOWED
NO!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO
!

WHY DO YOU STIFLE YOUR VOICE?
DON'T YOU LIKE IT?
UNH!
---FFF!
MM---

I DON'T...
...WANT TO SCREAM!
I.... JUST...
CAN'T...

SCREAM OR NOT. IT'S YOUR VOICE
I WANT TO HEAR IT!
...NH
LET IT GO.

I NEVER WANT TO HURT YOU.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, DAIKI
I WON'T FORGET A SINGLE WORD
I'LL REMEMBER EVERYTHING YOU SAY.
I KNOW YOU'LL PROTECT ME
I'LL FIND THEM FOR YOU
I CAN SAVE YOUR FEELINGS
I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL SO MUCH MORE THAN YOU CAN EXPRESS.


ARE YOU OK?
AH!
AHHH
UNH
ANNH

NEXT TIME..
I HEAR THERE ARE SPECIAL LUBRICANTS I'LL MAKE SURE TO BUY SOME FOR NEXT TIME
DON'T LEAVE
DOES IT STING?
UNH

I'M FINE, BUT
IT'S REALLY COLD...
NO,
DON'T LOOK!
IF I DON'T LOOK, I MAY HURT YOU AGAIN.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE BURNING UP INSIDE.
YOU'RE HOT AND TIGHT...

OH
YEAH!
IT FEELS GOOD!
YEAH, DAIKI!
OH...
GOD!
WAIT, WAIT...
AAH--
--NNNHH!

NNHH!
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
I WANNA GO ALL THE WAY
IF IT'S PAINFUL, I'LL STOP
DON'T STOP
I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE!
HAAH!
OH... YEAHHH!
AAAH NNNHH!
MMFFFHHH

--MY LIFE RIGHT NOW!
I THINK I LIKE--

WHY!
WHAT!?
YOU CAN GO TO FRANCE.

!!
I WAS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO A LAB IN FRANCE.

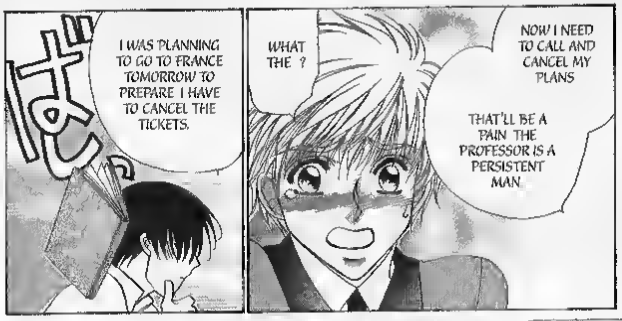
I'M NOT GOING TO FRANCE

I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
BESIDES THIS PLACE HAS A DORM ALL THE WAY THROUGH COLLEGE
WHY DO YOU LOOK UPSET?
I CALLED UP MY PARENTS YESTERDAY AND CONVINCED THEM TO LET ME STAY.
.....

I AGREE
I WOULD LIKE THAT.
I NEED TO TALK TO SOU.
I HATE TELL SORRY FOR HIM...
SOU'S HERE, TOO!

YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL GREEN EYES, SUI
I HAD NO IDEA

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO LEARN
YOU'RE GOING TO TEACH ME
THE KING DOESN'T KNOW MUCH


I WAS PLANNING TO GO TO FRANCE TOMORROW TO PREPARE I HAVE TO CANCEL THE TICKETS.
WHAT THE ?
NOW I NEED TO CALL AND CANCEL MY PLANS
THAT'LL BE A PAIN THE PROFESSOR IS A PERSISTENT MAN.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE TO TEACH ME
YOU CAN'T JUST MAKE PLANS WITHOUT..

I WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU

YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME FIRST!
OUCH!

THE DINING HALL'S ABOUT TO CLOSE!
I'M LATE!
THE SCHOOL'S PRACTICALLY EMPTY!
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KING'S LESSON BONUS
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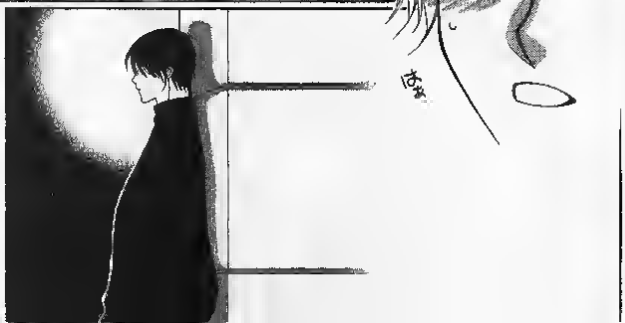

THE KING WANTS TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME...
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.
OF COURSE!
WE'LL TEACH EACH OTHER
I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE
KING'S LESSON STAGE 5 END

GOOD
I NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE TOMORROW
OH?
NO, I'LL BE EARLIER. I WON'T NEED TO HELP THE STUDENT COUNCIL AFTER TODAY
ARE YOU GOING TO BE DONE AROUND THE SAME TIME TOMORROW, SUI?
DAIKI NEVER ASKS ME TO COME WITH HIM

READ THIS WHILE I SHOP
A PHOTO BOOK ON DOGS?
IT'S A BOOKSTORE FILLED WITH WESTERN LITERATURE!
I'LL GO ALONG WITH HIM EVEN IF DIDN'T ASK BUT—

OH—
LET'S GO

YOU'VE BEEN HERE THE LAST FEW DAYS.
ARE YOU--
UM, DAIKI—

HE NEVER REPLIES, BUT I'VE NOTICED HE WALKS AT A MORE SLOW PACE NOW...
--WAITING FOR ME?

OH, TAKE A LOOK
MIDORI WHAT ARE YOU BUYING?
HI.
LET'S LEAVE, SUI.
OH WOW! HI DAIKI!
HE'S JUST A CLASSMATE!
I GOT TO TALK TO DAIKI!
SERIOUSLY...
ARE YOU SURE DAIKI ISN'T FORCING YOU TO GO OUT WITH HIM?

WOW, THIS ONE TOO!
ADORABLE!
OH!
SO CUTE!
I WAS LOOKING AT A BOOK ABOUT A SPECIFIC SUBJECT.
HE TREATS ME LIKE I'M A LITTLE KID..
CASHIER
BRING THAT OVER HERE.
SUI.
OH YES?
HEY! MIDORI!

?
— BEING WHIPPED DAIKI DID YOU KNOW THAT?

WELL
AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY
EVERY TIME HE OPENS HIS MOUTH, HE TALKS ABOUT YOU
は?

THANKS!
I THINK—
WHOA—
— HE'S WHIPPED TOO

WELL, I'M SURE THAT'S THE CASE.
OF COURSE NOT SOU
HE'S ALWAYS CONSIDERATE OF MY FEELINGS

SOUSUKE, I WANNA TALK TO YOU
HE COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT
I DON'T THINK HIS PILLOW SUITS HIM.
SUI DOESN'T EAT ENOUGH
WE SHOULD RECONSIDER THE MENU AT THE DINING HALL

THAT'S CALLED—

OH!
OH!
OHH!
AH HH!
NO...
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO HOT...
DAIKI STOP...
YOU'RE SO SOFT, YET YOU SQUEEZE MY COCK SO TIGHTLY...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT WOULD ASK ME TO

MN NHH
I WANT TO SEE YOUR GREEN EYES SUI
YOU SEE THEM ALL THE TIME...
AH!
...HH HAA HH...

I HAVE TO GO BACK TO MY DORM.
UH, DAIKI...
HEY!

I MEAN TO MY ROOM
THIS IS YOUR DORM.
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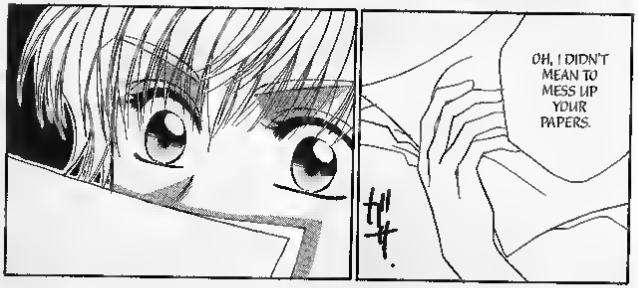

OH, I DIDN'T MEAN TO MESS UP YOUR PAPERS.

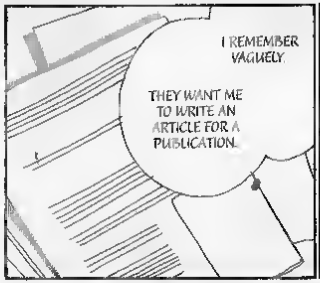
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN CHANGE ME
YEAH, YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN--
--CHANGE ME TOO, DAIKI
OH...

YOU HAVE A DEADLINE TOMORROW
UH...

SUI, TOMORROW, MY FRIEND IS GOING TO BE DISPLAYING HIS ART AT A GALLERY
OH WELL

TAP TAP TAP

HE PUT ME FIRST?
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO ATTEND
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE LAZY!
THIS IS NEXT!
TAP TAP


I REMEMBER VAGUELY.
THEY WANT ME TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR A PUBLICATION.

HUH?
DAIKI, LOOK AT THIS PAPER!

NO. IT DIDN'T SEEM VERY URGENT
ARE YOU DONE WITH IT?
LOOKS LIKE IT
THE DEADLINE'S TODAY!

THIS IS FOR A PAPER.
IT'S OVERDUE!
IT DOES SAY "IF YOU HAVE TIME..." WAIT, HERE'S ANOTHER REQUEST!
THIS HAS THE DEADLINE WRITTEN ON IT...
YOU HAVE DEADLINE TODAY TOMORROW AND THE DAY AFTER!

POSTSCRIPT

WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES TO THE READERS OF "DARIA!" HELLO! THIS IS THE FIRST VOLUME WE HAVE OUT FROM THE MAGAZINE! YAAAY!

I'D LIKE TO SHOW APPRECIATION TO ALL MY READERS IWAMI-SAN (OUR EDITOR) AND THE STAFF! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

WE HAD TO MOVE JUST WHEN WE STARTED WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. THE EDITORIAL STAFF GOT LOST WHEN THEY CAME TO PICK UP THE MANUSCRIPT... WE DEFINITELY OWE FOR THE CONFUSION AND MESS WE CREATED... WE'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU GUYS!

UHM, SO THIS IS THE RESULT OF OUR HARD WORK, SWEAT AND TEARS. I'D LIKE TO WISH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR THE READERS THAT ENJOYED THIS STORY!

WE DO A LITTLE DANCE WHEN WE RECEIVE FAN LETTERS!

PAPA
SOUSUKE
HE WAS RECRUITED BY AN OLDER COLLEGE CLASSMATE INTO A LARGE CORPORATION. HE'S NOW A HARD WORKING BUSINESSMAN! HE'S LOVED BY PEOPLE OLDER THAN HIM, AND YOUNGER PEOPLE DEPEND ON HIM. HE'S A HUMANITIES MAJOR WITH AN ATHLETIC SPIRIT!
YOU SHOULD FALL FOR SOU!
WHAT?

THE BONUS IS BASED ON THE EDITOR'S REQUEST OF DAIKI AND SUI AS A HAPPY COUPLE. I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'RE HAPPY ENOUGH (LAUGH) LET'S HOPE TO SEE MORE OF THESE CHARACTERS IN THE FUTURE!

'TIL NEXT TIME,
AOI/KURENAI

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THAT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY
I WANT YOU TO WORK HARD AND PLAY HARD
THEN I'D LOVE YOU EVEN MORE
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
I WON'T FORGET THAT
MY KING STILL HAS
A LOT TO LEARN!

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